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Applicant(s): A. DATE, et al

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Sir:

The following amendments and remarks are respectfully submitted in connection with the above-identified application.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend claim 1 as follows:

1. (amended) A recording apparatus for recording one or more still pictures and still picture group management information for managing said one or more still pictures as a still picture group onto a storage medium, said apparatus comprising:
 - a memory storing said still picture group management information;
 - means for recording said still picture group management information stored in said memory to said storage medium;